

MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH 2023 AT 311 HUNTING HILL AVENUE
BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OFFICE, CONFERENCE ROOM "B" AT 5:30 PM

INTRODUCTIONS:

Dan Penny-Community Member, John Pulino, Board of Education general member, John Giuliano-Committee Member, Joshua Burger-Facilities Support Specialist, Chairwoman Deborah Cain, Jennifer Cannata-Assistant Superintendent, Kevin Dion-Facilities Director, David P. Bauer- community member.

Meeting was brought to order by Chairwoman Deborah Cain at 5:37 pm

1. REVIEW OF DECEMBER 21ST 2022 AND THE JANUARY 18TH 2023 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION to approve minutes by Chairwoman Deborah Cain was made. **MOTION** was seconded by board member John Pulino. **MOTION** passed hearing no nays.

2. STATUS OF UPDATES OF BEMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-KEVIN DION

Kevin Dion- Reported the build out is complete, the marquis sign however is still not completely installed, we have 82 broken chairs at the moment and are working with the manufacturer for an insert that involves a slider. He would like to test a few chairs first before going ahead with replacements. Kevin Dion wants to set up a locker meeting as he's sent info to the manufacturer. He is also trying to confirm the repairs to the bleachers. Kevin indicated that J-Pro informed him they would be at Beman on February 22nd to fix the bleachers. Chairwoman Deborah Cain inquired about the status of the speakers. Facilities Director Kevin Dion will be getting the manufacturer to come to Beman to inspect them. Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Cannata asked about the possibility of physically lowering speaker, Kevin Dion indicated that has already been done. Community Member Dan Penny, would like to know if there is an OSHA standard for school speaker systems relating to the decibel levels. Facilities Director Kevin Dion indicated he will be looking into the city's noise ordinance. Chairwoman Deborah Cain suggested the possibility of the committee writing a letter informing neighbors of OSHA limits etc., Community member David P Bauer indicated to the committee, that the ordinances are online on the city's website. Board of Education member John Pulino offered that Mr. John Hazel with the City of Middletown as a source for any ordinances.

3. INSPECTIONS AND LIFE SAFETY SERVICE-KEVIN DION

Kevin Dion-reported he is conducting another round of inspections of our E lights and fire extinguishers, we also continue to do filter replacements. Chairwoman Deborah Cain would like to move this item reporting to quarterly.

4. 5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN UPDATE-KEVIN DION

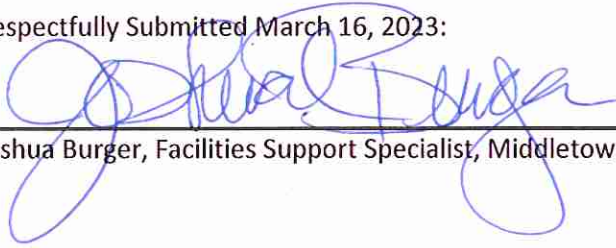
Kevin Dion, discovered our reimbursement rate has changed and that it's going to impact the capital plan. He will be adding playgrounds as city services as well as Keigwin School. Chairwoman Deborah Cain advised the committee to vote in the march meeting about the figures in the capital plan and then vote in April to present it to the board. Chairwoman Deborah Cain inquired about if there are plans on painting Beman every year? Facilities Director Kevin Dion would like to standardize the colors at Beman, or put a covering on the wall to protect them, and suggested the possibility of using subway tiles on the lower portion of the walls. Community member David P. Bauer inquired about the methodology to try to keep ahead of inflation. Facilities Direction Kevin Dion responded that we are using hard data, looking at current construction, CBRE is showing 15-20% as a standard increase. But indicated construction is up by about 20%. Kevin Dion continued on indicating we may have to re-prioritize our projects depending on inflation. Trane units are coming in higher, boilers are coming in higher as well. Facilities Director Kevin Dion, also added that we have a two-year lead time on some Trane HVAC units and reiterated, that we may have to make concessions.

5. OPEN DISCUSSION

Community member David P. Bauer volunteered that he's heard over the last couple of weeks, there may be future school competition and it may bring some bearing on facilities. He added that he believes Xavier High School may have been sold, and they may build a new charter school with up to 1000 students in attendance. Community member Dan Penny asked if the committee could have another tour of Beman, to get an updated look. He also inquired about touring other district schools on a regular basis. Chairwoman Deborah Cain would like to have the committee meeting at a different school each month and tour that school before each meeting, starting the April 2023 meeting. It was agreed that April's meeting will be at Bielefield School.

MOTION to adjourn meeting by Chairwoman Deborah Cain at 6:15 PM, Board of Education member John Pulino seconded the motion. The Motion carried hearing no nays.

Respectfully Submitted March 16, 2023:



Joshua Burger, Facilities Support Specialist, Middletown Public Schools